

RADON TASK FORCE

2021 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill creates the Radon Task Force.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms;
- creates the Radon Task Force;
- provides for the appointment of task force members;
- requires the task force to study and make recommendations on:
 - ways to increase public awareness about the risks of radon; and
 - ways to mitigate Utah residents' exposure to radon;
- requires the task force to report to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee; and
- provides a sunset date for the task force.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

63I-1-236, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Fifth Special Session, Chapter 19

ENACTS:

36-29-108, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **36-29-108** is enacted to read:

36-29-108. Radon Task Force.

(1) As used in this section:

33 (a) "Committee" means the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim
34 Committee.

35 (b) "Task force" means the Radon Task Force described in Subsection (2).

36 (2) There is created the Radon Task Force consisting of the following nine members:

37 (a) two members of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate;

38 (b) two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the
39 House of Representatives;

40 (c) the executive director of the Utah Department of Environmental Quality, or the
41 executive director's designee;

42 (d) the executive director of the Utah Department of Health, or the executive director's
43 designee; and

44 (e) the following three members appointed by the governor:

45 (i) one individual who possesses expertise in the field of radon testing and mitigation;

46 (ii) one individual who represents the real estate field; and

47 (iii) one individual who represents the construction industry.

48 (3) (a) The president of the Senate shall designate a member of the Senate appointed
49 under Subsection (2)(a) as a cochair of the task force.

50 (b) The speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate a member of the House
51 of Representatives appointed under Subsection (2)(b) as a cochair of the task force.

52 (4) Each individual with authority to appoint an individual under Subsection (2), or to
53 make a designation under Subsection (2), shall make the appointment or designation on or
54 before May 30, 2021.

55 (5) (a) The individual who appointed a task force member may remove that task force
56 member from the task force.

57 (b) If a task force member described in Subsection (2)(a) or (b) leaves the member's
58 legislative office, the individual may not continue to serve as a task force member.

59 (c) A vacancy in a position appointed under Subsections (2)(a) through (e) shall be
60 filled by appointing a replacement member in the same manner as the member creating the
61 vacancy was appointed.

62 (6) (a) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum.

63 (b) The action of a quorum of the task force constitutes an action of the task force.

(7) A task force member may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's service on the task force but may receive per diem and travel expenses incurred as a task force member in accordance with:

(a) Section 63A-3-106;

(b) Section 63A-3-107; and

(c) rules made by the Division of Finance pursuant to Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.

(8) Compensation and expenses of a task force member who is a legislator are governed by Section 36-2-2 and Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Chapter 3, Legislator Compensation.

(9) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide staff support to the task force.

(10) The task force shall study and make recommendations to the committee on:

(a) ways to increase public education and outreach regarding the risks of radon; and

(b) ways to mitigate Utah residents' exposure to radon.

(11) The task force may recommend legislation to the committee.

(12) The task force shall convene its initial meeting on or before July 1, 2021.

(13) The task force shall provide a report to the committee during or before the November interim meeting in 2021.

(14) No later than the May interim meeting in 2022, the task force shall provide a final report to the committee.

(15) The task force shall ensure that each meeting of the task force complies with Title 52, Chapter 4, Open and Public Meetings Act.

Section 2. Section **63I-1-236** is amended to read:

63I-1-236. Repeal dates, Title 36.

(1) Title 36, Chapter 17, Legislative Process Committee, is repealed January 1, 2023.

(2) Section 36-12-20 is repealed June 30, 2023.

(3) Title 36, Chapter 28, Veterans and Military Affairs Commission, is repealed January 1, 2025.

(4) Section 36-29-105 is repealed on December 31, 2020.

(5) Section 36-29-106 is repealed June 1, 2021.

- 95 (6) Section 36-29-108 is repealed on June 1, 2022.
- 96 [~~(6)~~] (7) Title 36, Chapter 31, Martha Hughes Cannon Capitol Statue Oversight
- 97 Committee, is repealed January 1, 2022.